Emergency Warning Sirens (formerly called *Air Raid Sirens*) may be used to alert the public to weather-related chemical or other emergencies.





IF YOU HEAR THE EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF A MINUTE OR MORE ...

 Turn your radio or television to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Stations:

> WBAL Radio (1090 AM) WBAL TV Channel 11

**Baltimore City Cable TV 21 for Official Emergency Updates** 

- *LISTEN* for instructions
- FOLLOW those instructions
- Do not evacuate from your present location unless specifically instructed to do so.
- In most chemical emergencies, it is best to remain inside your home or any other building and follow the instructions given over the radio.

This practice is called: Shelter-In-Place.(SIP)

#### SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Keeps you safe and in place until authorities have assessed, responded to and or attempted to resolve the current emergency.

- **Do** Stay Calm!
- Do turn your radio or television to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) station
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- **Do** *LISTEN* for official instructions
- **Do** *FOLLOW* those official instructrions
- Do Not Evacuate from your present location unless specifically instructed to do so by emergency management, it is best to remain inside your home or any other building and follow the instructions given over the radio.
- Do close all windows and doors, turn off all window fans, attic fans, vents, air conditioners, furnaces, etc.; when told to SIP
- Do notify anyone you know who is hearing impaired, or otherwise disabled, of the emergency;
- **Do** bring pets inside if safe to do so;
- Do seal cracks around doors and windows with tape or wet towels; when told to SIP
- Do have a battery operated radio, flashlight, and fresh batteries for both nearby;
- **Do** call "9-1-1" if you are sick or injured;
- **Do not** go to the scene of the emergency;
- Do not use your telephone during the emergency unless you are sick or injured;
- Do not attempt to contact the schools – schools will care for and protect children.



DON'T FORGET FRESH BATTERIES!!!
DO PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT!!!

#### SHELTER-IN-PLACE



**EAS Station** 

#### **WBAL 1090 AM**

If Evacuation is necessary,

You will be given instructions

Over the radio

## ACCORDING TO YOUR ZIP CODE.

Areas affected by the emergency will be identified by *Zip Code*.

However, in most cases, evacuation will not be necessary. Do not evacuate unless specifically told to do so.

Keep your radio on; messages will continue until the <u>ALL CLEAR</u> is announced.

# TO THE CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE CITY

#### Why Shelter-In-Place?

In response to recent fluctuations and heightened security alerts, this brochure has been developed by the Baltimore City Fire Department and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to provide information and instruction on Shelter-In-Place procedures.

#### What is the Emergency Alert System?

The Emergency Alert System is a joint effort undertaken by the broadcast industry and Federal, State and Local Governments to alert the public to possible or impending natural and technological disasters. The primary emergency alert system stations in Baltimore City are WBAL Radio 1090 AM and WBAL TV Channel 11. Turn to Baltimore City Cable TV 21 for Official Emergency Updates. Local radio and television stations will rebroadcast emergency announcements immediately.

#### KEEP THIS BROCHURE IN A PLACE WHERE YOU KEEP IMPORTANT PAPERS IN YOUR HOME.

### IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT:

To report *ANY* Emergency, Anywhere in Maryland: **Dial 9-1-1** 

For information about Drills and Emergency Incidents in Baltimore City, Dial Baltimore City's SARA Information Line: (410) 396-3098

Environmental Protection Agency Hotline: (800) 424-9346, or on-line at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hotline">www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hotline</a>

Baltimore City LEPC: (410) 396-6175 Baltimore County LEPC: (410) 887-4513 Anne Arundel Co. LEPC (410) 222-8040 Maryland Department of the Environment, (410) 631-3431

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# WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY



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